manufactures or sells or distributes any drug or cosmetic in contravention of the provisions of any notification issued under Section 26 A, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine which may extend to five thousand rupees".

Unhygienic toilets in Safdarjung Hospital

2668. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of deplorable sanitary condition of Government hospitals in Delhi particularly Safdarjung Hospital where toilets are hardly cleaned by the sanitary staff as a result it becomes even impossible to pass through near those toilets and what to talk about using of those toilets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that senior doctors holding the charge of administration like M.S. never ensure the cleanliness of those toilets; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken against them for dereliction of their duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The sanitation of Safdarjung Hospital is maintained round the clock by 338 Government Safaikaramcharis, 137 sanitation workers of M/s Sulabh International and 58 sanitation workers of M/s BVG India Ltd. The sanitation of the hospital is supervised by 22 Government Supervisors, 8 Supervisors of M/s Sulabh International, 4 Supervisors of M/s BVG India Ltd., 5 Sanitary Inspector, 2 Sanitary Superintendents, one Chief Sanitary Supdt. under the supervision of one CMO and Addl. Medical Supdt. Overall sanitation of the hospital is personally monitored by the Medical Supdt. of the hospital and regular surprise rounds are taken by them and if any discrepancy is found remedial action is, taken immediately.

Raids in UP for spurious drugs

2669. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a number of raids have been conducted in U.P. and many factories of spurious drugs have been unearthed;

(b) whether the above incidents prove that business of spurious drugs is rampant in the country; and

(c) what actions are being taken by Government to guarantee supply of original drugs to people, particularly in hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) As informed by the State Government, between 20.7.2007 to 2.8.2007, raids were carried out in the Districts of Meerut, Lucknow, J.P. Nagar, Bijnor, Bulandshahr, Faizabad, Rampur, Moradabad,

Agra, Muzaffarnagar, Sultan pur, Ghaziabad and Saharanpur. During the drive, 122 sales premises, were raided and 238 samples were drawn, 10 FIR were filed and 17 persons arrested.

(b) The manufacturer of spurious drugs is a clandestine activity of the unlicensed manufacturers. However, whenever such cases come to light, raids are carried out by the State Drugs Control Department with the help of police to apprehend the culprit.

(c) Hospitals purchase drugs from licensed manufacturers or dealers. State Drugs Inspectors carry out sampling of drugs from Hospitals to ensure quality of the drugs supplied to the hospitals.

Stem cell therapy

†2670. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incurable diseases are being treated by means of stem cell therapy in the country also;

(b) if so, the reasons for not informing the people about treatment through stem cell therapy in the country;

(c) the number of patients who have gone abroad to get treatment through stem cell therapy during the last five years; and

(d) the details of efforts being made for making this mode of treatment easily accessible to all?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) There are claims by the institutions regarding various incurable diseases treated by stem cell. According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), there is no approved indication for stem cell therapy as a part of routine medical practice, other than Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT). Accordingly, all stem cell therapy other than BMT shall be treated as experimental. Government do not maintain Central Registry with regard to the number of patients going abroad to get treatment through stem cell therapy during the last five years. ICMR have prepared draft National Guidelines for Stem Cell Research and Therapy.

Admissions of convicted persons in RML Hospital

2671. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of white collared offenders involved in criminal cases have been admitted in R.M.L. Hospital even for minor ailments;

(b) if so, what is the number of such persons admitted in the Hospital during the last two years; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.